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SUBJECT: BEGIN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON: DEFENSE-RELATED SUBJECTS

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1. IN A MEETING WITH DATT AND ARMA SUBSEQUENT TO THAT
REPORTED REFTEL, CIECHANOVER (DIRECTOR OF THE ISRAEL
PURCHASING MISSION IN NEW YORK) SAID THAT A FINAL DECISION
HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE ON WHICH DEFENSE SUBJECTS PRIME
MINISTER BEGIN WOULD RAISE IN WASHINGTON. THE MOD IS,
HOWEVER, RECOMMENDING THAT HE RAISE THE FOLLOWING:
A. THOSE ITEMS REMAINING ON THE "PRIORITIES LIST"
SUBMITTED BY CIECHANOVER TO DSAA ON DECEMBER 23, 1976.
THIS LIST INCLUDES THE REQUEST FOR F-16S AND, BY REFERENCE,
FOR F-16 CO-PRODUCTION AS WELL AS FOR HYDROFOIL CO-ASSEMBLY.
CIECHANOVER THOUGHT THAT CO-PRODUCTION "WOULD PROBABLY BE
MENTIONED."
B. THE MUNITIONS REQUEST SUBMITTED APRIL 1977.
C. U.S. SUPPORT OF THE MANUFACTURE OF THE ISRAELI TANK.
CIECHANOVER SAID THAT ISRAELI HOPES ON THIS ITEM HAD
BEEN HIGH FOLLOWING THEIR MEETINGS WITH FORMER DEPUTY
DEFENSE SECRETARY CLEMENTS AND BECAUSE OF REMARKS ON
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THIS SUBJECT ATTRIBUTED TO THE PRESIDENT DURING A
MEETING WITH SENATORS.

D. EXPORT SALES OF ISRAELI PRODUCED MILITARY END ITEMS.
E. THE BROAD SUBJECT OF THE RELEASE OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY
AND "KNOW-HOW."

2. CIECHANOVER SAID THAT THE MOD WAS RECOMMENDING THAT

BEGIN AND THE PRESIDENT AGREE TO MEETINGS OF EXPERTS ON MILITARY SUBJECTS, FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSIONS AT A DECISION LEVEL BY THE MINISTERS OF DEFENSE. HE CONFIDED THAT WEIZMAN IS "PREPARED TO ACCEPT AN INVITATION TO VISIT THE U.S. IN OCTOBER IF INVITED."

3. CIECHANOVER SAID THAT HE WILL ACCOMPANY BEGIN DURING HIS CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT, ACTING AS THE MOD REPRESENTATIVE.

4. FINALLY, ON THE MORE GENERAL SUBJECT OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE, CIECHANOVER STATED THAT IF A LARGE NUMBER OF F-16S AND OTHER MAJOR ITEMS SUCH AS THE HYDROFOIL ARE APPROVED, HE THOUGHT IT OBVIOUS THAT ISRAEL WOULD REQUEST A "RETURN TO THE \$1.5 BILLION FMS PROGRAM" AS A MATTER OF NECESSITY.
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